ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical recording medium is provided, which includes: a substrate; a recording layer formed on the substrate, on which information can be recorded using laser light; and a protective layer or a protective substrate provided on the recording layer; and is characterized in that a water-based ink receiving area and a water-insoluble ink receiving area are formed on the protective layer or the protective substrate, and the water-insoluble ink receiving area comprises a substantially rectangular smooth area. The substantially rectangular smooth area is preferably formed of water-insoluble ink or a water-insoluble material. The substantially rectangular smooth area preferably has an area of at least 5 cm^2.